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BRAC			
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No BRAC related bills at this time			

Transportation			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
<p>H.R. 22 Title: Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) Sponsor: Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13] (Introduced 01/06/2015). Virginia Cosponsors: Comstock, Goodlatte, Griffith, Rigell, Wittman, Brat.</p>	<p>Major five-year surface transportation funding and authorization bill that supersedes MAP-21 (PL 112-141). Provides \$305 billion in new spending obligations from the Highway Trust Fund across highway and mass transit accounts, with additional measures on rail spending and capital project finance.</p>	<p>12/04/2015: Became Public Law No: 114-94.</p>	<p><i>PL 114-94/H.R. 22 replaces or incorporates the core provisions of H.R. 3763, H.R. 749, H.R. 1393, H.R. 2353, and S. 762, which were introduced earlier in 2015.</i></p>
<p>S. 1946 Title: Tax Relief Extension Act of 2015 Sponsor: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT](Introduced 08/05/2015)</p>	<p>Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend expired and expiring tax provisions affecting individual and business taxpayers and the energy sector. Would extend through 2016 the increase in the monthly exclusion for employer-provided transit and vanpool benefits from \$130 to \$250, so that it would be the same as the exclusion for employer-provided parking benefits. Would also modify the qualified transportation benefit in section 132(f) to add expenses associated with the use of a bike sharing program to the list of qualifying expenses.</p>	<p>8/5/2015: Introduced in Senate and placed on Senate Legislative Calendar.</p>	<p><i>Transit parity provisions incorporated in PL 114-94/H.R. 22 (FAST Act).</i></p>

<p>S. 635 Title: Drone Aircraft Privacy and Transparency Act of 2015</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA] (Introduced 03/03/2015)</p>	<p>Amends the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and identify any potential threats to privacy protections posed by the integration of unmanned aircraft (drone) systems into the national airspace system, including any potential violations of privacy principles.</p>	<p>3/10/2016: Hearing held by Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee.</p>	
<p>H.R.1229 Title: Drone Aircraft Privacy and Transparency Act of 2015</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large] (Introduced 03/03/2015)</p>	<p>To amend the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to provide guidance and limitations regarding the integration of unmanned aircraft systems into United States airspace, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>3/06/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade.</p>	
<p>S. 1608 Title: Consumer Drone Safety Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] (Introduced 06/18/2015)</p>	<p>This bill directs the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to publish a final rule containing safety requirements for the operation of consumer drones.</p> <p>The final rule shall apply to consumer drones that are flown for hobby or recreational use, and not operated in accordance with a community-based set of safety guidelines and within the programming of a nationwide community-based organization.</p>	<p>6/18/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>	
<p>H.R. 636 Title: FAA Extension, Safety, and Security Act of 2016</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12] (Introduced 02/02/2015)</p>	<p>To amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>7/15/2016: Became Public Law No. 114-190.</p>	<p><i>PL 114-190/HR 636 incorporates S. 2658, which was introduced earlier in 2015.</i></p>

Public Safety – General			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
<p>H.R. 3537 Title: Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Dent, Charles W. [R-PA-15] (Introduced 09/17/2015) Cosponsors:(26); VA Cosponsor: Comstock</p>	<p>Would add over 300 synthetic compounds to Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act. Would also clarify how controlled substances are regulated.</p>	<p>9/27/2016: Received in the Senate. Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	
<p>S. 524 Title: Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (CARA) Sponsor: Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI] (Introduced 02/12/2015)</p>	<p>The primary legislative response to the opioid epidemic in the 114th Congress establishes an HHS Task Force on Pain Management; creates opioid-focused DOJ grant programs for state and local governments; expands opioid safety and treatment measures within the VA; improves federal data collection on opioids, and other provisions.</p>	<p>07/22/2016: Became Public Law No: 114-198</p>	
<p>S. 36 Title: Protecting Our Youth from Dangerous Synthetic Drugs Act of 2015 Sponsor: Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] (Introduced 1/06/2015)</p>	<p>Amends the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) to include in the definition of a "controlled substance analogue" a substance designated as such by the Controlled Substance Analogue Committee (established by this Act). Directs the Attorney General to establish such Committee as an interagency committee headed by the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Directs the U.S. Sentencing Commission to review and, if appropriate, amend the federal sentencing guidelines and policy statements to ensure that they provide adequate penalties for any offense involving the unlawful manufacturing, importing, exporting, or trafficking of controlled substance analogues and similar offenses.</p>	<p>1/06/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	

S. 2840 Title: Protecting Our Lives by Initiating COPS Expansion (POLICE) Act of 2016 Sponsor: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] (Introduced 04/21/2016)	This bill amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to expand the allowable use of grant funds under the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to include participation in active shooter training programs.	7/22/2016: Became Public Law No. 114-199.	
H.R. 5655 Title: Addiction Prevention and Responsible Opioid Practices Act Sponsor: Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17] (Introduced 07/07/2016)	A bill to establish programs related to prevention of prescription opioid misuse, and for other purposes.	7/20/2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	
S. 3075 Title: Addiction Prevention and Responsible Opioid Practices Act Sponsor: Sen. Durbin, Richard [D-IL] (Introduced 06/16/2016)	A bill to establish programs related to prevention of prescription opioid misuse, and for other purposes.	6/16/2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	

Public Safety – Weapons

BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
S. 2016 Title: Responsible Transfer of Firearms Act Sponsor: Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA] (Introduced 09/09/2015)	This bill amends the federal criminal code to make it a crime to sell or transfer a firearm to a prohibited person, unless the transferor takes reasonable steps to determine that the recipient is not prohibited from firearm possession. (Current law makes it a crime to sell or transfer a firearm to a prohibited person if the transferor knows or has reasonable cause to believe the recipient is prohibited from firearm possession.)	09/09/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	

H.R. 4928 Title: Firearms Transfer Improvement Act Sponsor: Rep. Guinta, Frank C. [R-NH-1] (Introduced 04/13/2016); VA Cosponsor: Brat	Requires interstate firearms sales by Federal firearms licensees be made in accordance with the State law where the transaction occurs.	05/17/2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.	
H.R. 4399 Title: Equal Access to Justice for Victims of Gun Violence Act Sponsor: Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28] (Introduced 02/01/2016); VA Cosponsor: Beyer	This bill amends the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act to repeal provisions that prohibit state or federal civil actions or administrative proceedings from being brought against firearm or ammunition manufacturers, sellers, importers, dealers, or trade associations for criminal or unlawful misuse of a firearm by the person bringing the action or a third party.	02/29/2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.	

Public Safety – Gangs			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
H.R. 3783 Title: Community-Based Gang Intervention Act Sponsor: Rep. Cardenas, Tony [D-CA-29] (Introduced 10/21/2015); VA Cosponsor: Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]*	Provides grants for community-based gang interventions led by nonprofits; designates "community-based gang-intervention agencies."	03/23/2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.	

<p>H.R. 4856 Title: To Make Aliens Associated With a Criminal Gang Inadmissible, Deportable, and Ineligible for Various Forms of Relief Sponsor: Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4] (Introduced 03/23/2016); VA Cosponsors: Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]*, Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]*</p>	<p>Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to define "criminal gang;" provides for aliens who were or are members of a criminal gang, or who participated in gang activity knowing that such participation will promote the gang's illegal activity, to be inadmissible and deportable.</p>	<p>04/28/2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security</p>	
<p>H.R. 2197 Title: Youth PROMISE Act Sponsor: Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3] (Introduced 05/01/2015); No VA Cosponsors</p>	<p>Amends the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 to establish a PROMISE Advisory Panel for developing standards and evidence-based practices to reduce juvenile delinquency; authorizes grants to local governments and tribes for juvenile delinquency reduction.</p>	<p>05/01/2015: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.</p>	

Energy/Climate Change			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
<p>S. 2012 Title: North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2016 Sponsor: Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK] (Introduced 09/09/2015)</p>	<p>This bill amends the Energy Conservation and Production Act, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 with respect to energy efficiency in buildings and appliances.</p> <p>The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy of the Department of Energy (DOE) shall conduct activities with respect to manufacturing energy efficiency.</p>	<p>04/20/2016: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote: 85-12 05/25/2016: Passed House by recorded vote: 241-178 09/08/2016: Conference held. See committee report: S. Rept. 114-138</p>	<p>Companion bill: H.R. 8 North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015. Both S. 2012 and H.R. 8 are currently in conference.</p>
<p>H.R. 8 Title: North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6] (Introduced 09/16/2015)</p>	<p>A bill to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>11/19/2015: Reported (amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce (H.Rept. 114-347) 12/03/2015: Passed/agreed to in House: passed by recorded vote: 249-174 12/07/2015: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources</p>	<p>Companion bill: Provisions of the bill are included in S. 2012, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act. Please see S. 2012 for further action on that bill. Both S. 2012 and HR 8 are currently in conference.</p>

Environment			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
<p>H.R. 1732 Title: Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9] (Introduced 04/13/2015) Cosponsors: (70). VA Cosponsors: Rep. Goodlatte [R-VA-6]</p>	<p>This bill requires the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw, within 30 days, the proposed rule, "Definition of 'Waters of the United States' Under the Clean Water Act," dated April 21, 2014, describing the water bodies that fall under the scope of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act), as well as any final rule based on the proposed rule.</p>	<p>05/12/2015: Passed House by recorded vote: 261-155.</p> <p>07/14/2016: Senate read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>	
<p>S. 2848 Title: Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA) Sponsor: Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK] (Introduced 04/25/2016)</p>	<p>A bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States and for other purposes.</p>	<p>09/15/2016: Passed House by recorded vote: 95-3.</p> <p>09/19/2016: Received in the House. Held at the desk.</p>	
<p>H.R. 5303 Title: Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA) Sponsor: Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9] (Introduced 05/23/2016)</p>	<p>A bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States and for other purposes.</p>	<p>09/28/2016: Passed by recorded vote 399-25.</p> <p>09/29/2016: Received in the Senate.</p>	

Elections			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
H.R.885 Title: Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5] (Introduced 02/11/2015) Cosponsors: (110); VA Cosponsors: Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA], Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA], Rep. Rigell, E. Scott [R-VA]	Amends the Voting Rights Act of 1965 with respect to the requirement that a federal court retain jurisdiction for an appropriate period to prevent commencement of new devices to deny or abridge the right to vote. Expands the types of violations triggering the authority of a court to retain such jurisdiction to include certain violations of the Act as well as violations of any federal voting rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or membership in a language minority group. Excludes from the list of violations triggering jurisdiction retention authority any voting qualification or prerequisite which results in a denial or abridgement of the right to vote that is based on the imposition of a requirement that an individual provide a photo identification as a condition of receiving a ballot for voting in a federal, state, or local election.	02/11/2015: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 03/16/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.	
Local Taxation Legislation			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
H.R. 235 Title: Permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act Sponsor: Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6] (Introduced 01/09/2015) Cosponsors:(191); VA Cosponsors: Connolly, Forbes, Rigell, Wittman, Griffith	Amends the Internet Tax Freedom Act to make permanent the ban on state and local taxation of Internet access and on multiple or discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce.	6/09/2015: Passed House with amendment. 6/10/2015: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	Related Bills: S. 431

<p>HR 2775 Title: Remote Transactions Parity Act (RTPA)</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3] (Introduced 06/15/2015) Cosponsors:(67); VA Cosponsors: Rigell, Scott, Griffith</p>	<p>This bill authorizes both member states under the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement and states that have not adopted the Agreement (the multistate agreement for the administration and collection of sales and use taxes adopted on November 12, 2002) to require remote sellers (i.e., sellers who make remote sales in a state without a physical presence) to collect and remit sales and use taxes with respect to remote sales sourced to such states. States that have not adopted the Agreement must show that they have adopted and implemented minimum simplification requirements for the administration of sales and use taxes in order to collect such taxes.</p>	<p>6/15/2015: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 7/01/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.</p>	<p><i>*Gives states and local governments the ability to enforce existing sales tax laws. * The MFA would not automatically enable state and local governments to enforce existing sales taxes. One of two options is needed: (1) authority can be exercised if a state is a member of the Streamlines Sales and Use Tax Agreement, or (2) a state can adopt measures to meet the minimum simplification requirements detailed in the bill. (Info pulled from NACo newsletter dated March 23, 2015)</i></p> <p><i>*Online Sales Simplification Act of 2016: Discussion draft released August 25, 2016 by House Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA). The Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013 (S.743), sponsored by Sen. Michael Enzi [R-WY] and cosponsored by Sen. Mark Warner [D-VA] among 28 other Senators, was passed by the Senate in May 2013. This bill is more beneficial to the County than the two other renditions (S.698, HR 2775).</i></p>
<p>S. 431 Title: Internet Tax Freedom Forever Act Sponsor: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD] (Introduced 02/10/2015)</p>	<p>Amends the Internet Tax Freedom Act to make permanent the ban on state and local taxation of Internet access and on multiple or discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce.</p>	<p>2/10/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.</p>	<p><i>Related Bills: H.R. 235</i></p>

<p>S. 698 Title: Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA) of 2015</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY] (Introduced 03/10/2015) Cosponsors:(23); VA Cosponsors: Kaine, Warner</p>	<p>Authorizes each member state under the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (the multistate agreement for the administration and collection of sales and use taxes adopted on November 12, 2002) to require all sellers not qualifying for a small-seller exception (applicable to sellers with annual gross receipts in total U.S. remote sales not exceeding \$1 million) to collect and remit sales and use taxes with respect to remote sales under provisions of the Agreement, but only if such Agreement includes minimum simplification requirements relating to the administration of the tax, audits, and streamlined filing.</p>	<p>3/10/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.</p>	<p><i>*Gives states and local governments the ability to enforce existing sales tax laws.</i> <i>* The MFA would not automatically enable state and local governments to enforce existing sales taxes. One of two options is needed: (1) authority can be exercised if a state is a member of the Streamlines Sales and Use Tax Agreement, or (2) a state can adopt measures to meet the minimum simplification requirements detailed in the bill. (Info pulled from NACo newsletter dated March 23, 2015)</i></p>
Telecommunications/Communications			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
<p>H.R. 1087 Title: Wireless Telecommunications Tax and Fee Collection Fairness Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5] (Introduced 02/25/2015)</p>	<p>Prohibits a state or local jurisdiction from requiring any person to collect from, or remit on behalf of, any other person any state or local fee, tax, or surcharge imposed on a purchaser or user with respect to the purchase or use of any wireless communication service within a state, unless there is a financial transaction between the person from whom the state seeks to require such collection or remittance and the purchaser or user of such service.</p>	<p>3/17/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial And Antitrust Law.</p>	<p><i>Related Bills: S.1261</i></p>

<p>H.R. 1301 Title: Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2016 Sponsor: Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16] (Introduced 03/04/2015) Cosponsors:(126); VA Cosponsors: Griffith, Goodlatte</p>	<p>Directs the Federal Communications Commission to amend regulations concerning the height and dimensions of station antenna structures to prohibit a private land use restriction from applying to amateur service communications if the restriction precludes such communications, fails to accomodate such communications, or does not constitute the minimum practicable restriction to accomplish the legitimate purpose of the private entity seeking to enforce the restriction.</p>	<p>03/04/2015 Introduced in House 09/12/2016 Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. 09/13/2016: Received in the Senate</p>	
<p>S. 1685 Title: Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Sponsor: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] (Introduced 06/25/2015)</p>	<p>Directs the Federal Communications Commission to amend regulations concerning the height and dimensions of station antenna structures to prohibit a private land use restriction from applying to amateur service communications if the restriction precludes such communications, fails to accomodate such communications, or does not constitute the minimum practicable restriction to accomplish the legitimate purpose of the private entity seeking to enforce the restriction.</p>	<p>6/25/2015: Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. 11/18/2015: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.</p>	
<p>H.R. 3805 Title: Broadband Conduit Deployment Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18] (Introduced 10/22/2015) Cosponsors: (55); VA Cosponsors: Forbes, Comstock</p>	<p>To provide for the inclusion of broadband conduit installation in certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>10/23/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.</p>	

<p>S. 2163 Title: Streamlining and Investing in Broadband Infrastructure Act Sponsor: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] (Introduced 10/07/2015)</p>	<p>To direct the Secretary of Transportation to require that broadband conduits be installed as a part of certain highway construction projects, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>10/07/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.</p>	
<p>S. 2555 Title: MOBILE NOW Act Sponsor: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD] (Introduced 02/11/2016)</p>	<p>This bill requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), by December 31, 2020, to make available at least 255 megahertz of federal and nonfederal spectrum below the frequency of 6000 megahertz for mobile and fixed wireless broadband use. At least: (1) 100 megahertz shall be made available on an unlicensed basis; and (2) 100 megahertz shall be made available on an exclusive, licensed basis for commercial mobile use, subject to the FCC's regulatory purview, including consideration of continued use of such spectrum by incumbent federal or nonfederal entities in designated geographic areas indefinitely.</p>	<p>04/28/2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 446.</p>	
<p>H.R. 6013 Title: Community Broadband Act of 2016 Sponsor: Rep. Anna Eshoo [D-CA] (Introduced 9/13/2016) Cosponsors: Rep. Mark Pocan [D-WI], Rep. Keith Ellison [D-MN]</p>	<p>To amend the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to preserve and protect the ability of local governments to provide broadband capability and services.</p>	<p>09/13/2016: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.</p>	<p><i>Related bills: S. 240</i></p>

<p>S.240</p> <p>Title: Community Broadband Act of 2015</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] (Introduced 01/22/2015)</p>	<p>Bars states or local governments from prohibiting or inhibiting states, local government agencies, entities affiliated with state or local agencies, or Indian tribes from providing telecommunications services or advanced telecommunications capabilities to any person or any public or private entity.</p>	<p>01/22/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.</p>	<p><i>Related bills: H.R. 6013</i></p>
<p>H.R.5460</p> <p>Title: First Responder Access to Innovative Technologies Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ] (Introduced 06/13/2016)</p>	<p>This bill amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to implement a uniform process for reviewing applications that contain explanations to use grants provided under the Urban Area Security Initiative or the State Homeland Security Grant Program to purchase equipment or systems that do not meet or exceed any applicable national voluntary consensus standards developed under the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006.</p>	<p>09/13/2016: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote. 09/26/2016: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. 09/27/2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.</p>	
Land Use			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
	No Land Use bills at this time		

Human Services/Health/Education			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
H.R. 296 Title: Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2] (Introduced 01/13/2015)	Would provide grants to counties to develop, improve or expand domestic child human trafficking deterrence programs; would not only provide additional resources to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking but also provide assistance to victims of trafficking.	2/02/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations (House Judiciary).	
H.R. 1854 Title: Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act (CJMHA) Sponsor: Rep. Collins, Doug [R-GA-9] (Introduced 04/16/2015) Cosponsors:(101); VA Cosponsors: Scott, Goodlatte, Beyer	The CJMHA would reauthorize the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act and add new provisions that address the growing population of those with mental health conditions in correctional settings. This bill would provide counties with funding to expand specialty courts (e.g. drug courts and veteran's courts) and also provide funding for crisis intervention training for law enforcement among other items.	4/16/2015: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 5/15/2015: Referred to subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security and Investigations. 01/12/2016: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote	
H.R. 2050 Title: Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2] (Introduced 04/28/2015)	Amends the Internal Revenue Code to repeal, beginning with taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, the excise tax on employer-sponsored health care coverage for which there is an excess benefit (high-cost plans).	4/28/2015: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. 05/11/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health	

<p>H.R. 2646 Title: Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18] (Introduced 06/04/2015) Cosponsors:(207); VA Cosponsor: Connolly, Comstock, Goodlatte, Hurt, Rigell</p>	<p>Would create a new Assistant Secretary for mental health and substance abuse position at the Department of Health and Human Services; would partially ease the Institution for Mental diseases (IMD) exclusion by allowing Medicaid to cover care in a free-standing psychiatric facility if the facility has an average stay of fewer than 30 days; would provide incentives to states that implement assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) programs, now permitted in 45 states.</p>	<p>11/16/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education by House Education and the Workforce Committee. 07/07/2016: Received in the Senate. 07/14/2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p>	
<p>S. 178 Title: Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 Sponsor: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] (Introduced 01/13/2015)</p>	<p>Would provide grants to counties to develop, improve or expand domestic child human trafficking deterrence programs; would not only provide additional resources to federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking but also provide assistance to victims of trafficking.</p>	<p>4/22/2015: Passed Senate. 5/19/2015: Passed House. 5/29/2015: Became Public Law.</p>	
<p>S. 355 Title: Teach Safe Relationships Act of 2015 Sponsor: Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA](Introduced 02/03/2015)</p>	<p>Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to authorize the Secretary of Education to award competitive four-year grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to provide: (1) professional development to school administrators, teachers, and staff in safe relationship behavior education; and (2) educational programming and curricula for students regarding safe relationship behavior.</p>	<p>2/03/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p>	<p><i>*Rolled into the larger Every Child Achieves Act, a reauthorization of No Child Left Behind.</i> <i>*The County's Sexual Violence Task Force studied K-12 programming.</i></p>

<p>S. 993 Title: Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act (CJMHA) Sponsor: Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN] (Introduced 04/16/2015)</p>	<p>The CJMHA would reauthorize the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act and add new provisions that address the growing population of those with mental health conditions in correctional settings. This bill would provide counties with funding to expand specialty courts (e.g. drug courts and veteran's courts) and also provide funding for crisis intervention training for law enforcement among other items. CJMHA would provide resources to counties to address the growing population of those with mental illness in correctional settings.</p>	<p>12/10/2015: Passed Senate with Amendments. 12/11/2015: Received in the House and referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 01/15/2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations</p>	
<p>S. 1177 Title: Every Child Achieves Act of 2015 Sponsor: Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN] (Introduced 04/30/2015) Related bills: S. 355</p>	<p>This bill reauthorizes and amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The bill addresses issues such as accountability and testing requirements, distribution and requirements for grants, fiscal accountability requirements, and the evaluation of teachers. The bill provides states with increased flexibility and responsibility for developing accountability systems, deciding how federally required tests should be weighed, selecting additional measures of student and school performance, and implementing teacher evaluation systems.</p>	<p>12/10/2015: Became Public Law No: 114-95.</p>	<p><i>*Includes Senator Kaine's S.355, Teach Safe Relationships Act of 2015.</i></p>
<p>S. 1945 Title: Mental Health Reform Act of 2015 Sponsor: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA] (Introduced 08/05/2015)</p>	<p>Would create a new assistant secretary for mental health and substance abuse position at the Department of Health and Human Services; would partially ease the Institution for Mental diseases (IMD) exclusion by allowing Medicaid to cover care in a free-standing psychiatric facility if the facility has an average stay of fewer than 30 days.</p>	<p>8/05/2015: Referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.</p>	<p><i>*Summary pulled from NACO newsletter.</i></p>

<p>S. 2002 Title: Mental Health and Safe Communities Act Sponsor: Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX] (Introduced 08/05/2015)</p>	<p>Intended to prevent the unnecessary incarceration of people with mental illness and enhance treatment for individuals with mental illness while incarcerated and following their release. The bill authorizes and expands the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCRA) and its Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP). MIOTCRA authorizes \$50 million in grants to be administered by the Department of Justice to state, tribal and local governments to develop programs designed to improved outcomes for individuals with mental illness in the criminal justice system.</p>	<p>8/05/2015: Referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. 02/10/2016: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held.</p>	<p><i>*Summary pulled from NACo newsletter. Companion bill: H.R. 3722</i></p>
<p>S. 1169 Title: Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2015 Sponsor: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA] (Introduced 04/30/2015)</p>	<p>Amends the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974.</p> <p>Amends the Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Programs Act of 2002 to include mentoring programs in delinquency prevention grant programs.</p> <p>Requires states, as a condition of receiving juvenile accountability block grants, to provide assurances of compliance with the core requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 applicable to the detention and confinement of juveniles.</p>	<p>12/15/2015: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 325.</p>	
<p>H.R. 1416 Title: Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Ellmers, Renee L. [R-NC-2] (Introduced 03/18/2015)</p>	<p>To prevent application of sequestration to payment for certain physician-administered drugs under part B of the Medicare program in fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>03/18/2016: Referred to the House Committee on the Budget, House Committees on Ways and Means, and House Energy and Commerce. 03/20/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.</p>	

<p>S. 2561 Title: The Protection of Children Act of 2016 Sponsor: Sen. Sessions, Jeff [R-AL] (Introduced 02/22/2016)</p>	<p>This bill amends the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 to eliminate the special repatriation requirements for unaccompanied alien children (UAC) who are nationals or residents of a country contiguous to the United States. (Applies the same removal requirements to all UACs who are not victims of a severe form of trafficking in persons and who do not have a fear of returning to their country of nationality or last habitual residence.)</p>	<p>02/22/2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	
<p>H.R. 5003 Title: The Improving Child Nutrition and Education Act of 2016 Sponsor: Rep. Rokita, Todd [R-IN-4] (Introduced 04/20/2016)</p>	<p>Reauthorizes and reforms federal policies to ensure states, schools, and providers have the flexibility they need to provide children access to healthy meals without additional or prohibitive costs.</p>	<p>05/18/2016: Ordered to be reported in the nature of a substitute (amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 20-14.</p>	
<p>H.R. 4446 Title: Zika Response and Safety Act Sponsor: Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2] (Introduced 02/03/2016)</p>	<p>A bill to authorize the use of Ebola funds for Zika response and preparedness.</p>	<p>02/03/2016: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, House Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Armed Services.</p>	
<p>H.R. 4400 Title: Adding Zika Virus to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act Sponsor: Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1] (Introduced 02/01/2016)</p>	<p>A bill to expand the tropical disease product priority review voucher program to encourage treatments for Zika virus.</p>	<p>02/01/2016: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce 02/05/2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.</p>	<p><i>S.2512 (companion bill) became Public Law No: 114-146 on 04/19/2016</i></p>

H.R. 4561 Title: Zika Is Preventable Plan (ZIPP) Sponsor: Rep. Clawson, Curt [R-FL-19] (Introduced 02/12/2016)	A bill to authorize the use of Ebola funds for Zika response and preparedness.	02/13/2016: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. 02/19/2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	
Homeland Security/Emergency Operations			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
H.R. 26 Title: Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19] (Introduced 01/06/2015)	To extend the termination date of the Terrorism Insurance Program established under the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002, and for other purposes.	1/07/2015: Passed House. 1/08/2015: Passed Senate. 1/12/2015: Became Public Law No: 114-1.	
Immigration			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
H.R. 962 Title: Startup Act Sponsor: Rep. Dold, Robert J. [R-IL-10] (Introduced 02/13/2015) Cosponsors: (11); VA Cosponsors: Connolly, Beyer	Amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to adjust to conditional permanent resident status up to 50,000 aliens who have earned a master's or doctorate degree in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics field (STEM field) and permit such an alien to remain in the United States: (1) for up to one year after the expiration of the alien's student visa, if the alien is searching for STEM field employment; and (2) indefinitely if the alien remains actively engaged in a STEM field.	2/13/2015: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Science, Space, and Technology, Appropriations, and Energy and Commerce. 2/20/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. 3/10/2015: Referred to subcommittee on Research and Technology.	<i>Companion bill: S. 181</i>

<p>S. 2395</p> <p>Title: A bill to reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes</p> <p>Sponsor: Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ] (Introduced 12/10/2015)</p>	<p>This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) through FY2020. SCAAP provides payments to state, local, and tribal governments to offset the costs of incarcerating certain undocumented criminal aliens.</p>	<p>12/10/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.</p>	<p><i>Companion bill: H.R. 5035</i></p>
<p>H.R. 5035</p> <p>Title: To reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, and for other purposes</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4] (Introduced 04/21/2016)</p> <p>Cosponsors: (26); VA Cosponsor: Comstock</p>	<p>This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to reauthorize the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) through FY2020. SCAAP provides payments to state, local, and tribal governments to offset the costs of incarcerating certain undocumented criminal aliens. It expands the definition of “undocumented criminal alien” to include an alien who has been charged with a felony or two or more misdemeanors.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill directs the Department of Justice to reimburse a state, local, or tribal government for costs to incarcerate a criminal alien whose immigration status cannot be verified by the Department of Homeland Security.</p>	<p>5/17/2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.</p>	<p><i>Companion bill: S. 2395</i></p>

Federal Contracting			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
<p>H.R. 924 Title: Responsibility in Federal Contracting Act</p> <p>Sponsor: Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4] (Introduced 02/12/2015), Cosponsors: (26); VA Cosponsors: Hurt</p>	<p>Requires that the locally prevailing wage paid to various classes of laborers and mechanics working under federally-financed or federally-assisted contracts for construction, alteration, and repair of public buildings or public works (Davis-Bacon Act) be determined by the Secretary of Labor (as under current law), but acting through the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), using surveys carried out by BLS that use proper random statistical sampling techniques.</p>	<p>02/12/2015: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.</p> <p>04/29/2015: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.</p>	
Budget/Appropriations			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
<p>H.R. 5393 Title: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017</p>	<p>The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice (DOJ), science agencies, and several related agencies.</p>	<p>6/07/2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 471.</p>	<p><i>Companion bill: S. 2837 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017</i></p>

S. 2837 Title: Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017	The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Justice (DOJ), science agencies, and several related agencies.	4/21/2016: Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 432.	<i>Companion bill: H.R. 5393 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017</i>
H.R. 5293 Title: Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017	This bill provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities, including appropriations for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)/ Global War on Terrorism.	6/16/2016: Passed/agreed to in House by the Yeas and Nays 282-138 6/20/2016: Received in the Senate. 9/06/2016: Second cloture on the motion to proceed to the measure not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay vote 55-43.	<i>Companion bill S. 3000, Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017</i>
S. 3000 Title: Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017	This bill provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military activities, including appropriations for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)/ Global War on Terrorism.	5/26/2016: Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 500.	<i>Companion bill: H.R. 5293 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017</i>
H.R. 5055 Title: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017	This bill provides FY2017 appropriations for: the civil works projects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation and Central Utah Project; the Department of Energy (DOE); and several independent agencies, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.	5/26/2016: Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 112-305. Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.	<i>Companion bill S. 2804 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017</i>

S. 2804 Title: Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017	The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 provides FY2017 appropriations for: the civil works projects of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation and Central Utah Project; the Department of Energy (DOE); and several independent agencies, including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.	4/14/2016: Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 420.	<i>Companion bill: H.R. 5055 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017</i>
H.R. 5634 Title: Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017	Provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Provides appropriations for Departmental Management, Operations, Intelligence, and Oversight.	7/06/2016: Placed on the Union Calendar No. 518.	<i>Companion bill: S. 3001 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017</i>
S. 3001 Title: Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017	This bill provides FY2017 appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Transportation Security Administration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Secret Service, and other DHS programs.	5/26/2016: Placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 501.	<i>Companion bill: H.R. 5634 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2017</i>
H.R. 5538 Title: Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017	Provides FY2017 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and related agencies.	9/06/2016: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 587.	<i>Companion bill: S. 3068 Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017</i>

S. 3068 Title: Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017	Provides FY2017 appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and related agencies.	6/16/2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 521.	<i>Companion bill: H.R. 5538 Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017</i>
H.R. 5926 Title: Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Act, 2017	Provides FY2017 appropriations to the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and related agencies.	7/22/2016: Placed on the Union Calendar No. 541.	<i>Companion bill: S. 3040, Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Act, 2017</i>
S. 3040 Title: Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Act, 2017	Provides FY2017 appropriations to the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; and related agencies.	6/09/2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 509.	<i>Companion bill: H.R. 5926, Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Act, 2017</i>

H.R. 4974 Title: Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017	<p>This bill provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military construction, military family housing, the U.S. share of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program, and base closures and realignments.</p> <p>The bill also provides appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for veterans benefit and health care programs, Departmental Administration, and the National Cemetery Administration.</p>	<p>5/19/2016: Passed House amended. 5/26/2016: Received in Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 503. 06/10/2016: Passed House 233-175 (<i>as HR 5325</i>) 09/28/16: Passed Senate with an amendment 72-26 09/29/2016: P.L. 114-223 (used as vehicle for FY2017 Continuing Resolution, see H.R.5325)</p>	<i>Passed as part of the Continuing Resolution: see H.R. 5325</i>
S. 2806 Title: Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017	<p>This bill provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Defense (DOD) for military construction, military family housing, the U.S. share of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program, and base closures and realignments.</p> <p>The bill also provides appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for veterans benefit and health care programs, Departmental Administration, and the National Cemetery Administration.</p>	<p>4/18/2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 424. 06/10/2016: Passed House 233-175 (<i>as H.R. 5325</i>) 09/28/16: Passed Senate with an amendment 72-26 09/29/2016: P.L. 114-223 (used as vehicle for FY2017 Continuing Resolution, see H.R. 5325)</p>	<i>Passed as part of the Continuing Resolution: see H.R. 5325</i>
H.R. 5325 Title: Continuing Appropriations and Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, and Zika Response Preparedness Act	This bill provides FY2017 appropriations for the legislative branch, including the House of Representatives and Joint Items such as: the Joint Economic Committee, the Joint Committee on Taxation, and the Office of the Attending Physician.	<p>06/10/2016: Passed House 233-175 09/28/16: Passed Senate with an amendment 72-26 09/29/2016: Became Public Law No: 114-223 (used as vehicle for FY2017 Continuing Resolution)</p>	<i>Related bills: H.R. 4974/S. 2806 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act</i>

H.R. 5394 Title: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017	Provides FY2017 appropriations to the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and several related agencies.	06/07/2016 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 472.	<i>Companion bill: S. 2844, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017</i>
S. 2844 Title: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017	This bill provides FY2017 appropriations for the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and several related agencies.	4/21/2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders Calendar No. 433.	<i>Companion bill: H.R. 5394, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017</i>
Miscellaneous			
BILL DETAILS	BILL INFO	ACTION	STAFF NOTES/ANALYSIS
H.R. 1072 Title: REDUCE Government Act Sponsor: Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4] (Introduced 02/25/2015)	Establishes the Federal Realignment and Closure Commission, which shall: (1) establish a systematic method for assessing the effectiveness and accountability of agency programs, excluding Department of Defense programs; (2) divide the programs into three approximately equal budgetary groupings; (3) assess the effectiveness and accountability of all programs within a grouping in each of 2017, 2019, and 2021; and (4) by June 30 of each such year, submit a plan with recommendations of the agencies and programs that should be realigned or eliminated within the grouping assessed.	02/25/2015: Referred to Committee on Appropriations.	

<p>H.R. 4512 Title: Relief From Sequestration Act of 2016 Sponsor: Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9] (Introduced 02/09/2016)</p>	<p>This bill amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to eliminate the sequestration, or automatic spending cuts, scheduled to occur because the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction failed to recommend legislation to reduce the deficit by \$1.2 trillion over 10 years, as required by the Budget Control Act of 2011.</p>	<p>02/09/2016: Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.</p>	
<p>H.R. 1078 Title: Food and Drug Administration Safety Over Sequestration Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7] (Introduced 02/25/2015)</p>	<p>This bill amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to exempt certain Food and Drug Administration user fees from sequestration. Sequestration is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.</p>	<p>02/25/2015: Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.</p>	
<p>S. 515 Title: Sequestration Relief Act of 2015 Sponsor: Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] (Introduced 02/12/2015)</p>	<p>To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to provide relief during fiscal years 2016 and 2017 from the reductions in the discretionary spending limits imposed by sequestration.</p>	<p>02/12/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget.</p>	
<p>H.R. 215 Title: Defending Veterans from Sequestration Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5] (Introduced 01/08/2015)</p>	<p>Amends the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act) to exempt administrative expenses of the Department of Veterans Affairs from any presidential sequestration order issued under that Act.</p>	<p>01/08/2015: Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.</p>	

<p>H.R. 782 Title: Cancel the Sequester Act of 2015 Sponsor: Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13] (Introduced 02/05/2015)</p>	<p>This bill repeals provisions of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 that authorize sequestration to enforce specified deficit reduction goals. Sequestration is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.</p>	<p>02/05/2015: Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.</p>	
<p>S. 813 Title: Military Sequester Flexibility Act Sponsor: Sen. Paul, Rand [R-KY] (Introduced 03/19/2015)</p>	<p>A bill to provide the Secretary of Defense with authority to transfer funds in order to mitigate the effects on the Department of Defense of a sequestration of funds available to the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.</p>	<p>03/19/2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.</p>	
<p>S. 3404 Title: A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require the appropriate Federal banking agencies to treat certain municipal obligations as level 2B liquid assets, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD] (Introduced 09/27/2016) Cosponsors: (9); VA Cosponsor: Warner</p>	<p>On September 27, 2016 a bipartisan group of Senators led by Sens. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Mark Warner (D-Va.) and Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) introduced legislation (S. 3404) to allow high quality municipal debt to be classified at a level equivalent to debt issued by corporations. The legislation is part of a congressional response to a rule established in 2014 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) that established minimum liquidity requirements for large banking organizations.</p>	<p>09/27/2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.</p>	